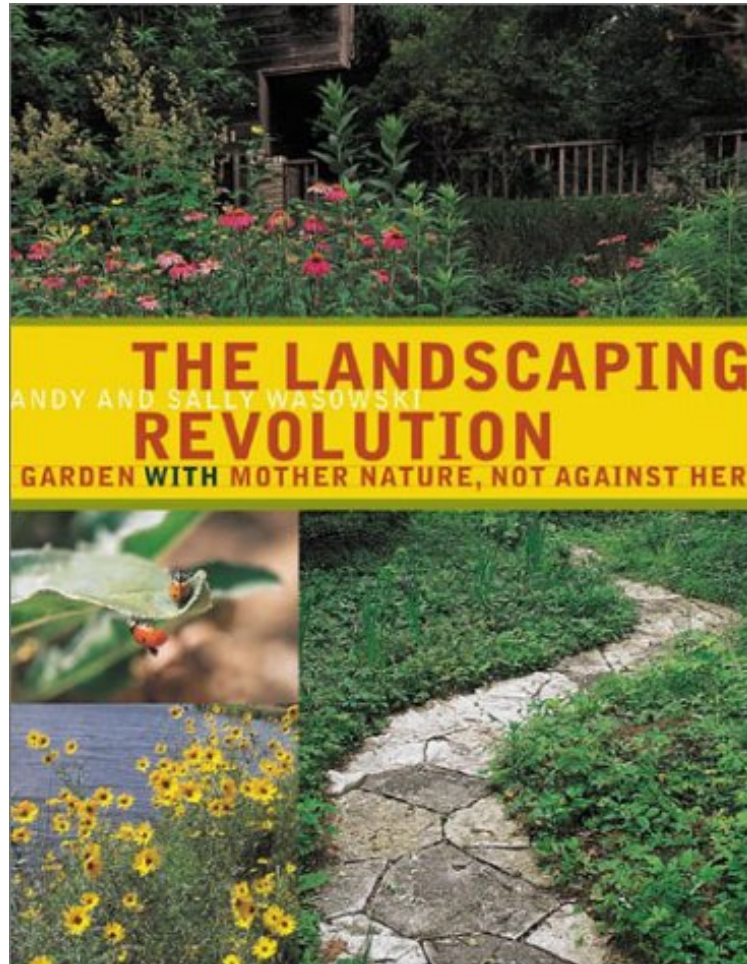


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For those who are tired of mowing, concerned about wasting water, and nervous about toxic lawn chemicals, *The Landscaping Revolution* is a call to arms for those searching for a better way to plant, maintain, and enjoy their gardens. Provocative and compelling, this book describes a grassroots movement that is quietly sweeping the nation and is growing more vigorous each day.

From Publishers Weekly Advocates of native-plant gardening, the Wasowskis (*Gardening with Native Plants in the South*) call for a landscaping revolution that eliminates America's traditional broad expanses of labor-intensive lawns. The authors argue in economic terms, stating that turf and lawn maintenance "is a \$27 billion a year industry--ten times more than we spend on school textbooks." Accepting that the greatest barrier to changing the traditional landscape arises from concern about neighbor disapproval and local zoning regulations, the authors provide guidance for making gradual landscaping changes. They offer suggestions of native plants for diverse micro-climates and specific regions of the U.S., demonstrating that gardening with nature can be less time-consuming than gardening against her, with results that are both aesthetic and interesting. Using groundcovers, native grasses and perennials adapted to a specific locale, the Wasowskis maintain, will also reduce the need for fertilizer and lower the risk of diseases and insect invasions. Photographs of landscapes, taken before and after renovation, and a comprehensive list of native plant societies add to the value of this book for gardeners who want to join the revolution but aren't certain how to begin. (Feb.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal Adult/High School- For the legions of suburban teens who are environmentally conscious, hate doing yard work, and have never made a connection between the two attitudes, this book can provide many epiphanies and perhaps even some ways to reconcile their differences with their parents. From its witty cover, featuring a fist raised against an army of lawn maintenance workers, to its appendix, which lists native plant organizations in every state, theory and practice are successfully melded in this passionate and highly entertaining polemic against conventional landscaping practices and aesthetics. The author points out with satisfaction that "natural" styles and methods of gardening and landscaping are the fastest-growing segment of the field, and clearly explains the reasons why. Every page features dramatic graphics, colorful photos, and cartoons. A variety of sidebars feature subjects ranging from sharp criticism of Merit Badge projects as currently defined by the Boy Scouts to a series telling the stories of "Landscaping Revolutionaries" such as lawyers, gardeners, and architects who are fighting successfully to make landscape practices more environmentally sound and wildlife-friendly. Numerous projects are suggested that would be feasible for teens to undertake, and readers converted to the cause might well be inspired to put some of these ideas into practice. For the rebel, the activist, and the nature lover, this book is not just delightful and inspiring--it's a persuasive and effective call to action. -Christine C. Menefee, Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal It is obvious when driving through any suburban neighborhood that the typical landscape usually consists of a turf lawn with some well-placed shrubs around the foundation. It is not as obvious that such traditional landscapes are often labor-intensive and a hazard to our environment. The authors have written a sensible book that explains how humankind, with its inherent need to maintain mundane order in the landscape, has instead created a planting scheme dependent on water, expensive maintenance equipment, and harmful pesticides. They then show how alternative measures, particularly using native plants and employing safe pest-management ideas, can better use our time and money as well as protecting our environment. The final section profiles individuals who have made a difference in their neighborhoods by using these methods and how some home contractors are ensuring preservation techniques when clearing land for home sites instead of the disastrous clear-cutting method so prevalent today. Full of useful and practical advice that will interest homeowners, this is recommended for public libraries. -Phillip Oliver, Univ. of North Alabama Lib., Florence Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.